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In re Application of: SCHAFER, Hans-Jurgen :  
U.S. Application No.: 10/531,394 :  
PCT No.: PCT/EP03/11369 :  
International Filing Date: 14 October 2003 :  
Priority Date: 14 October 2002 :  
Attorney's Docket No.: 040275 :  
For: A PROCESS AND AN APPARATUS :  
FOR COATING PRINTED CIRCUIT :  
BOARDS WITH LASER- :  
STRUCTURABLE, THERMALLY :  
CURABLE SOLDER LACQUERS :  
AND ELECTRORESISTS :

DECISION ON RENEWED  
PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.47(b)

In a decision mailed by this Office on 25 April 2006, the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) filed herein was dismissed without prejudice for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition.

On 25 July 2006, petitioner filed the renewed petition considered herein. The renewed petition is accompanied by a statement from Thomas Albrecht, with supporting documents, which provides an acceptable showing that the non-signing inventor has been provided with a copy of the present application and the declaration, and that the inventor has refused to sign the declaration. The renewed petition also includes a declaration executed on behalf of the non-signing inventor by the 37 CFR 1.47(b) applicant, Atotech, and English copies of the German law materials referenced in the original petition. These materials satisfy the remaining requirements of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), as discussed in the previous decision.

The renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) is **GRANTED**. The application is accepted without the signature of non-signing inventor Hans-Jurgen SCHAFER.

A notice of the acceptance of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(b) will be published in the Official Gazette, and a letter informing the non-signing inventor of the application will be forwarded to the inventor's last-known address, as set forth in the petition.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 25 July 2006.

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Dear Mr. SCHAFER:

You are identified as the inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(b) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as the inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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